

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLYCOUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC 1. Brandis Airfield~~CONFIDENTIAL~~2. Air Force Soldiers Seen in the Central Kommandatura in LeipzigEVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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1. On 16 April 1951, between 3 and 6 p.m., four jet fighters with swept-back wings, red numbers and blue tips on their rudder assemblies were seen just north of the eastern end of the runway at the Brandis airfield. One plane had the number 15. A large bomb-like object which was painted red lay behind the second plane. [REDACTED] A large trailer and four weapons carriers were parked there. No lights were made. The interior of the hangars could not be seen.
2. The N-S road which led to the eastern section of the runway was about 8 meters wide and seemed to be tan in color. The road was graded and covered with gravel. The sand piles previously seen on both sides of the road were no longer there.
3. An estimated 600 air force soldiers were quartered in the barracks installations. Three rectangular trenches, each about 5 meters long and 1.2 meters deep, were dug out along the fence in front of the barracks buildings on the road to Machern. Thirty soldiers were digging a fourth ditch. About 100 soldiers were drilling in the yard of the barracks buildings [REDACTED] with the Russian inscription "driving school" on its rear end went toward the field. Three civilians were surveying the field on the eastern edge of the airfield just southwest of Leulitz.
4. Since mid-March 1951, the Leipzig central kommandatura was guarded by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Many Soviet Air Force officers have been seen entering and leaving the building. **

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. Brandis airfield is occupied by one fighter regiment equipped with MiG-15s. Red numbers ranging from 9 to 53 have been seen on the noses of the aircraft. A total of 21 numbers were observed. It was previously reported that the planes had blue tips on their rudder assemblies. The bomb-like objects were previously reported by the same source.

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- ** [REDACTED] Comment. The type of air force unit has not been determined. Recently, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have been repeatedly observed in Leipzig. These motor vehicles

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possibly belong to the unit observed in the central kommandatura and
quartered in Hindenburg Kaserne, Leipzig.

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